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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

SUBJECT : Senator Bridges' Interest in the Architectural Firm of Williams, Coile & Blanchard.

As you suggested, we asked Max Abramovitz to talk with a member of the architectural firm of Williams, Coile & Blanchard because of Senator Bridges' interest.

On 29 May Max wrote the company a letter saying: "In the light of the complete services expected of us and because supervision responsibility in the Washington area will be assumed by the General Services Administration we can see no advantage to the Government in considering any additional associates"; also, "the fee offered by the Government for this type of project is so light that we could not see our way to go ahead with any additional associates unless the Government was willing to increase our fee accordingly."

Max also had breakfast with three members of the firm this morning, 1 June, and explained the situation to them. Later in the morning Mr. Victor Ford, the firm's Washington representative, telephoned my office and left word for me that the breakfast meeting had ended very amicably but that he wanted us to know that his principles were going to talk with Senator Bridges again inasmuch as they felt rather strongly that there should be an associate architect on this job and that Williams, Coile & Blanchard should be "it." Accordingly, you may expect another call from Senator Bridges.

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